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FOL EMBTEL SENT INFO DAMASCUS, AMMAN, ATHENS, JIDDA
AND RIYADH DTD MAY 23 H/W RPTD FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE:

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TAGS: ETRD, UK
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FORD
TRUCKS IN TRANSCONTINENTAL SHIPMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 115530; (B) AMMAN 4111; (C) DAMASCUS 2652

1. MR. NICK OUROUSSOFF, MANAGER FOR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
OF FORD-EUROPE, VISITED EMBASSY MAY 23 TO EXPRESS HIS
COMPANY'S CONCERN ABOUT THE RECENT PROBLEMS FORD TRUCKS
WERE HAVING IN CROSSING OVERLAND BORDERS ON MIDDLE EASTERN
ROUTES. WE DISCUSSED FORD'S MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION IN
SOME DETAIL AND OUROUSSOFF PASSED ON THE FOLLOWING NEW
PIECES OF INFORMATION. HE SAID JORDANIAN AND IRAQI
EMBASSIES IN LONDON ARE NO LONGER CERTIFYING ANY DOCU-
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MENTS REGARDING FORD TRUCK AND PART SHIPMENTS TO THEIR
COUNTRIES, WHICH HE FOUND STRANGE IN THE CASE OF JORDAN
SINCE, ACCORDING TO HIM, ITS ARMY IS EQUIPPED ALMOST EX-
CLUSIVELY WITH FORD TRUCKS. HE ALSO SAID THE JORDANIAN
AMBASSADOR HERE IS TELLING PEOPLE THAT FORD'S RECENT
PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW DISPLEASURE
AT RECENT USG ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION.

2. ACCORDING TO OUROUSSOFF, FORD'S STRATEGY WILL BE TO
"LAY LOW IN THE SHORT RUN" AND SEE IF THE PROBLEM GOES
AWAY.

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